

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) Apparatus for the production of extruded blown tubular cellulose film from a solution of cellulose, water and an amine-oxide, which comprises

- extrusion means for continuously extruding a cellulose solution to produce a blown tubular cellulose film;

- liquid precipitation means for solidifying the extruded cellulose film;

- draw means positioned downstream of the extrusion means for continuously drawing the extruded cellulose film from the extrusion means;

- a precipitation bath container having a closed bottom containing the precipitation means; and

- a tubular member within the precipitation bath container surrounded by and ~~for~~ containing precipitation means, said tubular member being arranged in the precipitation bath from a top surface of the precipitation means to the draw means and being arranged ~~and~~ for receiving the extruded blown tubular film ~~wherein the tubular member is situated within a precipitation bath.~~

3-7 (canceled)

8. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the tubular member is between 1.05 and 1.5 times an outer diameter of a diameter of the blown tubular film so as to act ~~acts~~ as a guide for the tubular cellulose film.

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) Apparatus for the production of extruded blown cellulose film from a solution of cellulose, water and amine-oxide, which comprises:

- a) an extruder for continuously extruding a cellulose solution;
- b) means for blowing the extruded solution into a an extruded blown cellulose film;
- c) a precipitation bath container having a closed bottom containing liquid

precipitation means for precipitating the extruded cellulose solution to produce a solidified cellulose film;

d) means positioned downstream from the extruder for continuously drawing the extruded cellulose film from the extrusion means; and

e) a tubular member for containing the precipitation means and for receiving the extruded blown film wherein the tubular member is situated within the precipitation bath so that the precipitation means is both inside and outside the tubular member and so that the tubular member extends from a top surface of the precipitation means to the means positioned downstream from the extruder for continuously drawing the extruded cellulose film and the tubular member is sized to act as a guide for the extruded blown film and protects the extruded blown film from disturbances in the precipitation means thereby improving uniformity in the extruded blown cellulose film.